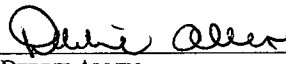


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In re Application of:	§	
NORMAN, ET AL.	§	Group Art Unit: 1623
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee, (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 18, 2008 ("the Final Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed on August 22, 2008 ("the Advisory Action"),

Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.